NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS

Henry Mann has prepared a "Hand Book for American Citizens" ("The Christian Herald"), which contains brief reviews of American history so far es it directly relates to the principal issues now before the country. Preliminary articles on the be-ginnings of the Nation and the adoption of the Constitution lead to a statement of the origin and meaning of the Monroe Doctrine, a history of the tariff laws and sketches of silver, anti-trust and labor legislation. Party platforms, suffrage laws and the lives of the Presidents also receive atten-

It takes something from the sense of wonder, omance and adventure to think of going through Japan with a guide book; but such an aid to travel is so unmistakably useful that a visitor is sure to prefer comfort to exploration. A fourth edition of "Murray's Hand Book for Japan" (Charles Scribner's Sons) has lately been issued. It contains much well-selected information about passports, inns, expenses, climate, dress, luggage, shooting and fishing. language, religion and history. For a land so totally different from that of the visitor, it is by no means an easy task to give an introduction which makes intelligent study and appreciation of sights possible. The bulk of the volume is taken up with detailed description of routes, with minute directions concerning inns and ways of travel.

secrecy and economy attainable by means of telegraphic code are recognized by thousands of business men. The former object is partially sacrificed where the same code is used by a number of people. If, however, provision is made for the introducion of several thousand private phrases, the ciphe for which is known-only to a single house and its correspondents, the difficulty is largely obviated. "Lieber's Standard Telegraphic Code" is a volume of \$00 octavo pages, and contains over 75,000 words, of which 25,000 are in tables. There are 10,000 extra cipher words opposite blank spaces, which the user can fill in for himself. The words are taken from the "Official Vocabulary," the use of which will be compulsory after January 1, 1898.

From E. P. Dutton & Co. come several interesting ow books "A Dean Farrar Vear Book," compiled by W. M. L. Jay, will please the admirers of that well-known preacher and writer. "The Witness of Denial," by Vida D. Scudder, is a candid appeal to those who earnestly wish to accept Christianity, but are prevented from doing so by honest doubt. "What I Told Dorcas" is a helpful story for mis A mournful interest attaches to the volume of

'Sermons" (the seventh of the series), preached by the late Bishop Phillips Brooks and edited by his brother, the Rev. John Cotton Brooks, for it is the last that we shall ever get. The discourses are for the principal festivals and fasts of the church year, and are on the same high intellectual and spiritual plane with those in the preceding volumes of the

There are several good reasons why a chemist should understand, not only theoretically, but also practically, how to manufacture each of the many mpounds which he has occasion to use. Such prepare for himself those which are costly or which quickly deteriorate. Experience in work of this sort, too, reveals the value of much material which might otherwise be carelessly thrown away after serving an immediate purpose. Moreover, tests of reagents for impurity are thus facilitated. Workers in "organic" chemistry already have at their disposal several handbooks supplying information of the class here described; but the field of "inorganic" chemistry has been neglected until recently. It is to meet this demand, especially among students, that Dr. Herman S. Vulte (of Barnard College and the Columbia School of Mines) and George M. S. Neustadt have written their "Laboratory Manual of Inorganic Preparations," containing 183 duodecimo pages, and published by G. G. Peck, New-York

From A. C. Armstrong & Co. come three volumes of the Expositors' Bible series, namely, the last half of the Book of Jeremiah, by Professor W. H. Bennet; the Book of Ezekiel, by Professor John Skinner, of London, and the volume relating to Deuteronomy from the pen of Professor Andrew Harper, of the University of Melbourne, Australia. are characterized by learning and critical insight, and though conservative in tone, they recog-nize many of the conclusions of modern biblical

Other Discourses," by the late R. W. Dale, D. D., of Birmingham, England. These sermons, at once broad and conservative in scope, and reflecting the sturdy Christian manliness of their brilliant author,

Foster H. Jenings has made up an attractive Hitle book of moral sayings from Confucianist writings, in the form of a proverb for every day in the year, under the title "The Proverbial Philosophy of Confucius" (G. P. Putnam's Sons). A neat preface from the pen of Pom Kwang Soh, Corean Minter of Justice, with a signature in both Chinese and English script, introduces the book. This is followed by an essay, in which Mr. Jenings ex-plains the character of the books from which he has quoted and the nature of Confucianism as a doctrine and a rule of life.

The phenomena of terrestrial magnetism were

studied at first with sole reference to the correct use of the surveyor's and mariner's compasses. Later it came to be suspected that clews might here be found to certain astronomical wonders and cosmic forces, and possibly to some mysteries of ter-restrial weather. Not only the behavior of observaearth currents and auroras, as well as the causes and manifestations of atmospheric electricity, have been carefully studied in consequence for several decades. Until the present time, however, there has been no periodical devoted exclusively thereto. Dr. L. A. Bauer, an enthusiastic student of the phenomena just mentioned, and now a lecturer in the Chicago University, has therefore undertaken the editorial management of such a publication Terrestrial Magnetism" is to be issued quarterly The first number has just made its appearance. From the title page it appears that the co-operan of the leading experts of the day in this branch of science has been secured for the enterprise.

"The Great Meaning of Metanoia," by Treadwell "The Great Meaning of Metanoia, by Fredwich Walden (Thomas Whittaker), is a thoughtful monograph on the meaning of the word "metanoia," translated "repentance," in the authorized English version of the New Testament. The author takes the ground that the word means much more than a simple emotion of regret for the past. The Greek word relates to the future as well as the past. It describes a profound ethical sense. It takes in the whole of life, and calls on man not merely to be sorry for what he has done or left undone, but to find a new inspiration for the future in the ideal of perfect righteousness.

book is a useful contribution to the literature of Biblical theology. The same publisher brings out a series of studies in the sermon on the Mount entitled "The Great Charter of Christ," by Bishop

From the Fleming H. Revell Company come several new religious books. "Questions of Modern Inquiry," by the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Stimson, is a well-conceived series of popular addresses to those who have not yet accepted Christianity. "Christ who have not yet accepted Christianity. and the Church," by the Rev. Dr. Amory H. Bradford, is a discussion of the somewhat hackneyed subject of Christian unity. "The Shepherd Psalm," by the Rev. F. B. Meyer, is a good example of that popular evangelical preacher's method of homiletic exposition. "The Life of John Livingston Nevius," who was a missionary in China for forty years, by his wife, is a record of a noble and self-denying life that throws much light on the work of missions in

"The Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue," of which the fifty-sixth edition, issued for 1896, has just been published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, gives the date of issue, color, chape and size of every postage stamp that has ever been issued by any government in the world, with illustrations of nearly every type of stamp and its approximate value, used or unused. A number of new features helpful to collectors are added to this edition-several pages of valuable "hints," a table of technical philatelic terms, a list of speculative and fraudulent issues, etc.—while the whole volume reflects the remarkable progress made by the sci-

ence of philately during the last year. Benziger Brothers, of this city, bring out "An Exposition of the Acts of the Apostles," by Dr. MacEvilly, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Tuam. Roman Catholics will find in the book an excellent commentary on the Acts from the point of view of their Church. It is needless to say that

they will not find in it any of the conclusions of modern Biblical criticism.

The same house brings out "Christ in Type and Prophecy," a work in two volumes, by the Rev. A. J. Maas, the learned Jesuit professor of Oriental languages in Woodstock College, Maryland. The subject is treated in an exhaustive manner, and Protestants, as well as Catholics, who are interested in it will find the work a useful book of reference.

A glance at the two bound volumes of "Scribner's Magazine" for 1895 strengthens the impression made from month to month that the topics treated are selected with a rare insight into the various tastes of the body of magazine readers. "Scribner's" is popular without being puerile. It maintains a high ndard of quality without going into the byways of literature and art for subjects, but presents to the people the things that they themselves are thinking and talking about. The reader of good fiction has been tenderly entreated during the year. He has had Mr. Meredith and Mr. Howells. Stockton, Mrs. Humphry Ward, Anthony Hope, Mr. R. H. Davis, Mr. Bunner and many more to choose from. American politics have received ample attention. Mr. Noah Brooks has dealt with our earlier period, and President Andrews writes of the last quarter of a century. If the latter has not approached his subject in a broadly critical spirit or treated it with any authority, he certainly has re-called the outlines of many important incidents to those who had forgotten them, and told those who never knew something of the party struggles that in youth were but names to them. Turning over the pages one must cordially recognize much in the way of good illustrations, process work that continually grows better, and drawings by our clever-

The Country Parson has had in years past many admiring readers, and these will welcome a new work from his pen. It appears under the title of "Occasional and Immemorial Days" (Longmans, Green & Co.). It consists of monologues in Dean Boyd's own happy style. One must say monologues, though formally they appear to be sermons there is very little of the sermonic style about them. They are properly serious, however, as sermon should be, though the discerning reader will not fail to be impressed with the fact that this author is a man with a keen sense of the bumorous.

Among the confused mass of legends concerning the Maid of Orleans is one of her sister, Catha-rine, who played the pretender, and was venerated throughout France under the belief that she was Jeanne, rescued from martyrdom at Rouen. That legend Constance Goddard Du Bois has made the theme of a novel, "The Shield of the Fleur-de-Lis" (The Merriam Company). It is an involved story of plots and counterplots, and of the schemes of a most atroclous villain to make the pretended reappearance of Jeanne serve his own purposes. Her own brothers are led to join in the deception, which s kept up until Catharine herself confesses it to the King, who decides that the best way to people from going on believing it is to pardon the deceiver after enforcing public acknowledgment of

the crime. The devoted, deceived, high-minded husband, who finally comes with forgiveness and love to Catharine in her degradatior, gives a prettily romantic touch to the story. The author in an appendix offers the historical grounds on which she bases her tala. Washburn Hopkins, of Bryn Mawr College (Ginn & Co.), is a clear and helpful exposition of the spirit and teachings of the great religions of India. In these days of stimulated interest in Oriental re-

ligions this learned, accurate and impartial book

will be welcomed by all students of comparative

The delightful publication which was "Harper's Young People" and is now "Harper's Round Table" has lost nothing, but has gained in its transformation. It would be hard to find any subject of in terest and value to young people which is not treated in its pages, now grouped in the attractive shape of the annual volume. It maintains its feat-ure of vigorous and amusing fiction, it is full of brief and lively papers on all manner of interesting topics, and its athletic and bicycle departments are particularly good.

Some time ago the Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts delivered a series of lectures before the students of Princeton Theological Seminary and Marietta Col-They have been gathered into a book entitled "Practical Christian Sociology" (the Funk & Wagnails Co.). It contains a good statement of the so-ciological views held by numerous Christian clergymen at the present time. But in many details these views are hazy and indefinite, and it is not apparent that Dr. Crafts has done anything more than to give them out as he received them.

It has been estimated by Mr. Denning, the astronomer, that there are more than a hundred separate meteor streams, from which aerolites are liable to enter the earth's atmosphere every year early in August. By far the largest number of these thay but brilliant visitors from fathomiess space seem to come from a point in the constellation of Perseus, and they are called Perseids for this reason. The source from which the others come, the length of their path after entering the earth's gaseous envelope, their velocity and duration, are matters of much interest in the astronomical world. In 1894 simultaneous observations were made at the Lick Observatory and on Mount Diablo, forty miles away, by Professors Schaeberle, Colton and Perrine and the results are now in print. On the evening of July 27, that same year, a single meteor of remarkable brightness was also observed.

The data obtained from more than fifty persons

in regard to this notable phenomenon were digested and discussed by Professor E. S. Holden, director of the Lick Observatory. Another interesting investigation undertaken at that famous institution two or three years ago was conducted by Professor Colton. It consisted of a series of photographs of the sun, as it sank below the western horizon, nighafter night, with a view to ascertaining the extent and character of atmospheric refraction, an influ ence which astronomers have much occasion to consider. Papers prepared by the various gentlemen here named have just been issued in a single volume, called "Meteors and Sunsets."

That prolific and popular religious writer the Rev Dr. J. R. Miller has prepared a manual of prayers for thirteen weeks (Thomas Kelson & Sons) which will prove to be an acceptable book of family devotions. The prayers are characterized by good taste and are pervaded by a deep spirituality.

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sold to close the estate of Sylvester Brush, No. 125 Greene-st., five-story brick and from building, lot Greene-st., five-story brick and from building, lot 25x100, to James Halliday for \$64,750; No. 507 Sixthave., four-story brick building, lot 17x53, 7x17, 4x50, to George H. Warren, for \$50,300; southeast corner of Bowery and Grand-st., five-story brick and from building, lot 55x5, to Louis Clark, fr., for \$122,000; northwest corner of Bowery and Spring-st., three-story brick building, plot 52,7x101,2x35,6x99.7, to Max. Danziger, for \$50,800; Nos. 441, 443 and 445 Sixth-ave., three two-story brick buildings, 49.45x100 and "L" to West Twenty-seventh-st., Nos. 1004, and 102, one and three-story buildings, plot 25x24.84, to Edward J. King, fr., for \$134,750; No. 112 West One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st., four-story brick dwelling, lot 13x92.11, to R. E. Wilcox, for \$19,500; northeast corner of One-hundred-and-fifteenth-st., and Eighth-ave, five-story brick building, lot 5x100, to R. E. Wilcox, for \$19,500; northeast corner of Eighth-ave, and West Seventeenth-st., two three-story brick houses, plot 4x100x45,6x100, to David Longfellow, for \$18,600.

11. V. Hatnett & Co. withdrew the sale of the northeast corner of Erondway and Malden Lone.

is said, proposes to erect a row of apartment-houses on his plot.

Frederick Southack & Co. for Samuel and Henry Corn have sold the new eight-story five-proof building on leased ground at Nos. 91 and 93 Fifthave, with L to Seventeenth-st.

Walker & Lawson have purchased from Samuel and Henry Corn the two lots 50x92 in Eighteenth-st. north side, 185 feet west of Fifthave. The price quoted is \$130,090. The buyers are well-known builders, and will doubtless improve the plot by the erection of a fire-proof store building. The property is in the block with the new Siegel, Cooper & Co. drygoods and department store.

It is reported that Mrs. Van Ness has sold to Maria S. Simpson No. 487 West Twenty-second-st. a four-story brick and stone dwelling, 15.9x59x98.9, at 55-589.

e northwest corner of Central Park West and hundred-and-second-st. 100x100, is reported sold an Brothers at \$61,500 has A. Kohn has sold the four-story brick and meadow stone dweling No. 35 West Seventy-id-st. lot 25x30x100.5, to Jacob S. Bernheimer

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Elighth-ave, and West Seventeenth-st., two three-story brick houses, plot 48x10ex45.5x100, to David Longfellow, for \$78,000.

P. V. Harnett & Co. withdrew the sale of the north-east corner of Broadway and Malden Lane, and also the southwest corner of Eighth-ave, and Forty-ninth-St. Also sold, by order of the executors of the estate of John Holmes, No. 139 West Eighty-sixth-st., four-story stone front dwelling, lot 28x5x199.8%, to R. W. Holmes for \$51,009.

At the Broadway Real Estate Salesroom, P. A. Smyth offered in for-closure No. 113 West Eighty-ninth-st., five-story brownstone fat, lot 28x190.8%, The sale was adjourned to February 25. No. 295 East Thirty-fifth-st., four-story brick tenement, lot 28x8-9, to James M. Fitzsimmons, for \$9.525.

William Kennelly sold No. 2.702 Third-ave, three-ntory brick store, lot 28x3x2.2%, to C. Faulhaber, for \$12,00. No. 2.759 Third-ave, two-story frame dwelling, lot 28x4x192.11, to A McOwen, for \$9.990. Also in foreclosure, No. 56 Lewis-st., three-story brick tenement, lot 29x50, to J. Kenk, for \$7.400.

D. P. Ingraham & Co. sold in foreclosure, No. 298 East Thirty-fourth-st., four-story brick tenement, lot 29x50, to J. Kenk, for \$7.400.

D. P. Ingraham & Co. sold in foreclosure, No. 298 East Thirty-fourth-st., four-story brick tenement, lot 29x50, to A. P. W. Kenan, for \$1,750.

Peter F. Meyer & Co. sold in foreclosure No. 137 East Forty-fifth-st., three-story brownstone front dwelling, lot 18x50, to the plaint of Victorine B. Lachnits, for \$15,900. Also, by order of the executors of the estate, of Solomon Stark, southwest corner of Avenue C and Second-st., two and three-story brick and frame dwellings, lot 18x50, 10, to Solomon Neuville, for \$16,400. The above purchaser also bought No. 270 Seventh-st., four-story brick dwelling, lot 22x50,10, for \$10,000.

Golding & Whitehouse have sold for the estate of Henry S. Spaulding, to H. H. Landon, the four-story high stoop brownstone residence, 2x55x130, No. 628 Fifth-ave, Columbia College leasehold, on private terms.

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Frederick Aldhous has sold to J B, Kleinert the four-story dwelling No. 31 West Eighty-seventh-st, lot 21x18x190.5, for \$10,000.

Pincus Somerfeld has bought from the estate of Emily S, Janeway the five-story double tenementhouses Nos. 118, 120 and 122 East One-hundred and twentleth-st, on private terms.

Conton & Russell, architects for the Samuel S, Mitchell existe have filed plans with the Department of Hullilings for the erection of an eighteen-story brick office huilding, to cost about \$600,000.

gerall to Eroma Schwarz st. n. s. 241.8 ft. e of 35 ave. 25xles.b. Will-i B. M. Jardan and wife to Corwin H. Pike. s. at. No 30. Henedict A. Klein and wife to nhard Mayer t. No 32 West, James Gaunt to Fannie R.

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150th-st. n s. 270 ft w of Elton-ave, a threestory frame tenement, by Charles W and Mary
Regan, of No 689 East 1536-st owner.
Southern Boulevard, 52 ft w of Anthony-ave, two
three-story frame dwellings, by Frederick K
Miller, of Sea Cliff, Long Island, owner.
3d-st. No 442 East, a one-story brick market
building, by Henry Funk, of No 21 Avenue D,
owner.
Broadway, Nos 32 to 36 and 36%, for an eighteenstory brick office building, by Samuel L Mitchell
estate, No 176 Broadway, owners.
Alterations.
Broadway, No 1,491 to 1,503, by the estate of
William Astor, to four four-story brick stores
and dwellings.
115th-st, No 322 East 116th-st, to a one-story
brick factory, stable, etc.
124 Fontaine-ave, No 1,788, by Patrick Murphy,
of No 2,022 La Fontaine-ave, to a two-story
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